GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Curtailment of Funds for ICMR
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that reduction in funding for the last fiscal year has considerably eroded the research capacity and affected multiple biomedical research projects of 32 institutions under Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR);

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by his Ministry to discuss the issue with Ministry of Finance and go for its immediate solution as it is hampering critical projects and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): The allocation of funds to ICMR is as per approved budgetary provisions, against the demands projected by ICMR for various research activities. The allocations (BE) during last years is as follows:
(Rs. in cr.)

Year	Plan	Non Plan	Total
2014-15	531.00	281.67	812.67
2015-16	568.17	295.00	863.17
2016-17	610.00	284.00	894.00

There was no reduction in funding of ICMR for the last fiscal year, as compared to allocation for 2014-15. Allocation of Rs. 863.17 crore in 2015-16 was increased to Rs. 893.74 crore at RE stage.

(b) & (c): The matter was taken up with Ministry of Finance and an additional allocation of Rs. 200.00 crore has been agreed for ICMR in 2016-17 for funding critical and important research projects, including extra-mural projects.

(d): Government has constituted an Expert Committee for Peer Review of functioning of ICMR, inter alia, to examine the intra-mural and extra-mural research programmes viz-a-viz availability of resources and their optimal utilisation, review of manpower component, scope of maximizing the internal resource generation, etc.
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